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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 6611

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TALKS ON FISHERIES JOINT VENTURES

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1. SUMMARY. FONMIN ACCEPTS SEPTEMBER 12 FOR TECHNICAL MEETING ON FISHERIES DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE GOB MODEL FOR ESTABLISHING FISHERIES JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN BRAZILIAN AND FOREIGN FIRMS. FONMIN CONSIDERS THIS CONDITION ESSENTIAL AND WOULD VIEW TIMING OF TALKS PREMATURE UNLESS USG ACCEPTS CONDITION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE AGREE TO DATE AND CONDITION IN ORDER THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, SUSPENDED SINCE FEBRUARY, MAY RESUME. END SUMMARY.

2. DIPLOMATIC NOTE DPB/79 OF AUGUST 21, 1978, TRANSMITTED REF A, AGREES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING ON FISHERIES MATTERS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 12 PROVIDED USG ACCEPTS GOB'S PROVISOS. THESE INCLUDE (1) THE TALKS WOULD REVOLVE EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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BRAZIL AND THE U.S. BASED ON THE MODEL ELABORATED BY THE GOB FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN BRAZILIAN AND FOREIGN FIRMS AND (2) THE TALKS WOULD CONSTITUTE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE LATTER POINT, NOT TREATED SPECIFICALLY IN NOTE, WAS GIVEN ORALLY TO ECONOFF ON AUGUST 21 WHEN HE WAS CALLED TO FONMIN TO PICK UP NOTE.

3. ECONOFF ALSO INFORMED THAT RESPONSE REFERRED TO IN ULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF NOTE WAS BEING PREPARED BY THE FRONTIERS SECTION OF THE FONMIN AND THAT THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED AS A SUBJECT AT THE SEPTEMBER 12 TALKS.

4. EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT FONMIN IS UNDER CONSTRAINTS TO RESTRICT AGENDA, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD USEFUL TALKS WITH THE BRAZILIAN MODEL AS THE BASIS. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THROUGH INDUSTRY SOURCES THAT GOB IS ALREADY FACED WITH SOME DIFFICULTY IN HAVING AGREEMENTS WITH BARBADOS AND PERHAPS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IMPLEMENTED; HANG-UP IS OVER HAVING CATCH OFF-LOADED OUTSIDE BRAZIL. CASTILE AND COOKE IS FACED WITH SAME PROBLEM IN TRYING TO WORK OUT ITS LEASING ARRANGEMENT WITH BRAZILIAN FIRMS.

5. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING OR SIMILAR NOTE TO THE FONMIN AFTER INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE TO NOTE DPB/79:

....ACCEPTS THE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1978, TO SEND A TECHNICAL MISSION TO BRASILIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING CONVERSAIONS ABOUT AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
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AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON FISHERIES MATTERS.

IT IS AGREEABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO USE THE MODEL REFERRED TO IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE DPB/79 AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 12, 1978.

(PARAGRAPH DESIGNATING U.S. DELEGATION TO BE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT.)

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